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5. [] Discussed with Bill Hammel, Office of the General Counsel, National Security Agency, NSA's position concerning H.R. 8865, which establishes a Federal Review Office. Hammel stated that NSA was requesting an exemption, as H.R. 8865 would create serious statutory conflicts with the personnel security program in NSA. By statute in 1964, the Director of NSA was given sole authority to develop and administer a security program for NSA. I informed Hammel that their position paralleled the position of CIA, as our security program is also based on statute.

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6. [] [] called and asked for any information we could give her on congressional action pertaining to the Federal budgetary process. I told her of the work which is being done by a joint congressional committee and said we would get to her whatever information we had available on the subject.

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7. [] Jim Woolsey, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, called this morning to advise that Senator Symington had released to the press Mr. Colby's memorandum of 6 November 1973 to Symington. Woolsey commented that he thought it was a good job.

Woolsey also mentioned that Joel Merkel, on Senator Jackson's staff, might be in touch with us regarding the language they are trying to insert in Senator Nelson's resolution to establish a Joint Committee on Domestic Intelligence Activities. Woolsey will be out of town for five days and has given Merkel my name as a point of contact. Woolsey added that they have received some suggested language from Defense but he (Woolsey) is having considerable difficulty in fitting all of this together in some acceptable legislative format.

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8. [] Called Cedric Kroll, Actuary, U.S. Treasury Department, and closed out our review of the proposed amendments to GIARDS, including retirement financing. Kroll suggested a couple of minor modifications which I said we would be glad to accept. In the interest of expediting OMB clearance and in response to his request for guidance, I suggested that Treasury's report to OMB on the legislation merely refer to the discussions held between the two agencies and our acceptance of their suggestions for minor modifications.